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1. The Plovdiv Departmental Prison is located in Plovdiv on Voinishka Street, next to the barracks that once billeted the 9th Infantry Regiment and are now occupied by an anti-aircraft unit. (podelenie unknown).
2. The men's section of the prison is a one-story building with 22 rooms, 10 cells, and one reception room. There were approximately 600 inmates, most of these being political prisoners. There is a separate building for criminal prisoners.
3. Prisoners have the right to work in one of the three prison shops and are allowed one day off their sentences for every two work days. The shops are:
 - a. Carpenters' shop, with space for approximately 80 men;
 - b. Weaver's shop, for approximately 60 men; and
 - c. Carpet-making shop, for the women's section, for approximately 70.
4. The following men held administrative positions in the Plovdiv Departmental Prison in March 1952:
 - a. Prison Director, Vasil Dermendziev, 45, a captain in the Militia;

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- b. Assistant Director, a certain Boyadziev, approximately 40, a lieutenant in the Militia; and
- c. Warden, "Bai Kiro", age 46, a lieutenant in the Militia.
5. The following men were inmates of the Plovdiv Departmental Prison between December 1950 and March 1952:
- a. Asen Karayuseinov, 32, from Mogilitza, Smolyan okoliya; sentenced to 20 years and is now in the Stara Zagora Prison;
- b. Dimitŭr Kunev, Agrarian representative in 1946; executed on approximately 25 November 1951 after being sentenced to death;
- c. Lt. Col. Stefanov, sentenced to life imprisonment for having taken part in the coup against Stamboliisky, the sentence was later commuted to 20 years; he is now at the Pazardzhik Prison; and
- d. A certain Vŭlchanov, head of the Criminal Peace in Plovdiv and Pazardzhik prior to September 1944; he is now in the Eleven Prison.

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[redacted] The former contains a sketch.

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